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Dear Dockets Management Branch,

RE: DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CP1

I was delighted to hear that the USDA will no longer be purchasing the meat from downed animals for it's National School Lunch Program. Animals that are to sick to stand or injured may not be a safe for the food supply, particularly for our nation's children lunch programs.

I hope that the USDA will take this issue a step further and see that these downed animals are humanely euthanized, and not dragged while alive to a disposal sight. Such cruelty should not be tolerated in a country as great as ours.

Sincerely yours,

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